

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Worshipping at:

398 County Road 513
 (Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
 Sunday8:00 a.m.
 Sunday10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513
 (Neumann Residence)

Tuesday7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday9:30 a.m.
 Friday7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday..... 4:45-5:15 p.m.

Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian
 Communities,
FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is
 a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual
 journey of hope:*

TO CELEBRATE and *DEEPEN* our faith
TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures
TO CHERISH all life
TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.

About Our Parish

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Parish Registration

Anyone living within the parish boundaries who would like to become a member of our Catholic Community or who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith should call or email the church office. We will meet with you at your convenience where you will learn about our parish and the opportunities we offer. Those joining the parish are encouraged to celebrate their welcome and registration at a weekend Mass.

Please notify the parish office of any change in phone number, address, email address or when leaving the parish.

Parish registration is required for religious education, celebration of sacraments and certification as a sponsor.

Regular Sunday worship indicates a practicing Catholic, not just parish registration. An assurance of family practice and raising children in the faith they seek is necessary for the sacraments of initiation and certification of sponsorship.

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism: Baptism is celebrated at any weekend Mass. The preparation process begins during pregnancy and includes an initial pastoral visit with the Pastoral Assistant for Connxions and attendance at one Baptism Preparation Session, which is offered quarterly. Please call the parish office to register. Parish membership and active worship is required for two months prior to preparation. No baptisms are celebrated during Lent.

First Eucharist: First Eucharist is celebrated in May, following two years of preparation. Family participation and regular worship are an integral component.

Confirmation: Confirmation is celebrated in the fall, following three years of preparation. Active participation and weekly worship are an integral component.

Adult Confirmation: The formation process is held in the parish, followed by a parish celebration of Adult Confirmation.

Initiation of Adults and Older Children: This is an extended gradual formation process for unbaptized or uncatechized adults, or baptized Christians who wish to enter the Catholic Church or for unbaptized or uncatechized school-aged children. Interested persons may begin the process at any time, please contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament Celebrations

First Reconciliation: First Reconciliation is celebrated in Advent of the second grade. Parent participation and regular worship is required.

Matrimony: Couples wishing to be married at St. John's are required to make arrangements one year in advance. Four sessions with the Pastor and Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter take place during this year. Parish registration and active worship are required.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill or unable to come to church for a length of time should contact the parish office so someone may visit and bring the sacraments.

Holy Orders: If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood or religious life, contact the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990 ext. 1700 or by email at vocations@diometuchen.org or visit www.diometuchen.org/vocations.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Schedule

February 11 & 12

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lector	J. Murray
Altar Server	F. Kennedy
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	J. Eacovalle, L. Eacovalle, M. McCall, L. Garcia, B. Garcia
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	A. Piechowski
Altar Server	D. Waddleton
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	T. Klawunn, J. Klawunn, B. Gates, A. Sawczuk
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	G. Porto
Altar Server	Vincenzi Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Zelesny, E. Lacey, A. DeStefano, A. Giametta, B. Martalus, M. Wickel

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 a.m. Sick of the Parish

Friday, February 10

7:00 a.m. Catherine Bohem & Family

Saturday, February 11

5:30 p.m. Maureen Stout req.
Shirley & Ron Pojedinec

Sunday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Tina Percararo req.
Barbara Gates
10:30 a.m. Antoinette Hilger req.
CCSJN

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 5 — Paving Our Yellow Brick Road/ Souper Bowl of Caring

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church Center)

Monday, February 6 — St. Paul Miki & Companions

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)

Tuesday, February 7 — Weekday

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)

7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, February 8 — St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

5:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner Set Up (Church Center)

7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

7:30 p.m. CPI Parent/Candidate Meeting (Church Center)

Thursday, February 9 — Weekday

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

6:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner Set Up (Church Center)

7:30 p.m. Music Ministry/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, February 10 — St. Scholastica

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

7:00 p.m. Valentine's Dinner Dance (Church Center)

Saturday, February 11 — Our Lady of Lourdes

3:30 p.m. First Eucharist Session 2 (Church Center)

Sunday, February 12 — Campaign for Human Development

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Office Center & Church Center)

11:30 a.m. Pastoral Council Vitality Coffee (Church Center)

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Pastor's Schedule

Monday, February 6

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Tuesday, February 7

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)

7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)

7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, February 9

3:15 p.m. Appointment (Away)

Friday, February 10

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

7:00 p.m. Valentine Dinner (Church Center)

Saturday, February 11

11:00 a.m. Appointment (Office Center)

Sunday, February 12

2:00 p.m. Appreciation at Little Brook Nursing Home

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

Remember in Your Prayers

Ms. Ally	Frank Kostecki
Carol Anderson	Spencer Kydd
Joe Angeline	Michael Lamotte
Pat Arat	Harry Larson
Antonia Baasten	John Lauler
Kate Bachman	Kevin Leahy
Richard Baker	Holly Lear
John Ballard	Brett Lewis
Peter Barbieri	Michele Makos
Alice Beardsmore	Taylor Maleski
Carol Becker	Melissa Martinez
Maria Beckman	Silas Mastro
Mary Anna Bennett	Tom Martin
Darlene Brown	Judy Martino
Eugene Brzezienski	Marie Mazzoni
Shirley Bumen	John McCabe
James Burns	Susan McHugh
John Burns	Patrick McKenna
Eileen Caffin	Brett Melworn
Kathleen Campbell	Tyler Messinger
Angie Caponetti	George Meyer
Barbara Carbonneau	George Milke
Joseph Carpentiere	Betsey Miller
Jose Castro	Michael Milto
Lou Citarelli	Nina Montouri
Riley Clark	Erica Morgan
Lorraine Cochran	Robert Olivetti
Kathleen Cohen	Gloria Omstead
Gerard Cook	Floyd Opdyke
Valerie Cordero	Daisy Ort
Kristine Orvos Cresti	Bill O'Toole
Natalia Cresti	Joyce Owens
Dalton Cummins	Linda Owens
Joseph D'Acchino	Robert Patterson
Sr. Ann Damian	Nilsa Perez-Parsons
Percival Davids	John Pfeufer
Maria Elena Dawson	Steve Plume
Virginia DeCasino	Brian Plushanski
Peter Demchur	John & Nicole Ramsden
Dorothy Deo	Albert Rayburn
Nick DeVincenzo	Tom Regan
Anthony DeVito	Ed Reinagel
Ann Dodwell	Alissa Marie Ricciardi
Betty Doyle	Pat Roach
Paul DuPre	Julie Ruby
Courtney Ellis	John Sawczuk
Msgr. Endebruck	Maria Sawczuk
Florence Fakelmann	Ed Scharf
Jacob Fakelmann	Antonia Schulz
Hannah Farrington	Chris Seltzer
Joseph Fay	Abe Shalaby
Akiea Finn	Paul Shubeck
Anthony Fiorillo	Sister Mary George
Ann Flemming	Marianna Sivori
Ryan Flynn	Jim Sklenar
Helen Galligan	Carol Smarsh
Theresa Galvano	Colleen Smith
Maria Gargiulo	Jonathan Solis
Nicholas Gargiulo Jr.	Felicia Steward
Jayne Giese	William Stortz
Jerry Goski	Timothy Struble
Sophia Goski	Evelyn Sulenski
Robert Govett	Julie Suplee
Rose Gradone	Tracey Sutch
Angela Grieco	John Sutor
Christina Grillo	Margaret Sweeney
Dorothy Gross	John Toolan
Josephine Handy	Brian Travis
Colleen Hendzrak	Rose Uricchio
Tyler Hodulik	Laura Veslany
Anita Horan	Robert Villani
Mary Ann Hughes	Dayelle Watts
Richard Hughes	Harvey Whille
Brittney Iannitto	John William
Jeannine Imperiale	Gloria Wood
Nona Janks	Elizabeth Wodrich
Diana Janowski	Lynn Yondolino
Bob Jenkinson	John J. Zelesny
John Kaemmerer	Joey Zieba
Rosemary Kimbal	Michael Zocchi
Mary Kirchner	

EVANGELIZATION



"Let us go to nearby towns to preach there," said Jesus. How spontaneously he evangelized! Of course, Jesus did not find evangelization easy when it meant carrying the cross and then dying on it. His passover to third-day glory, however, gave cruel crucifixion new significance. Risen life gives direction to all growth. Whether we call our lack of growth "sin," "demon," "disease" or "death," Jesus shows us how to pass through it and into newness. How well he preaches the good news in our town!

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

This Weekend

This week is the monthly Yellow Brick Road of our Mortgage collection. We need \$6,707.00 for that payment. Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment. The remainder of the funds to pay the mortgage comes from Shop Rite/A&P Cash Cards and fundraisers. Please support these endeavors, especially the cash cards, if you cannot contribute to this collection. Last month we collected \$2,556.00

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

February 11-12

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an instrument of the Catholic Church working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT MONTH

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, Catholic Press Month. *The Catholic Spirit* is now beginning its 17th successful year of publishing and has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your collection packet, or is found in the Narthex. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Donations help defray the costs of the papers sent every second week to the parish. There is no need to subscribe unless you want it delivered to your home. The collection will be the weekend of February 18-19.

Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer:



Charles J. Fortenbacker — Rev. Msgr. Leon J. Kasprzyk — Mary Sulenski — Deacon John Cole — Deacon Salvatore Gagliano — Timothy Romagna — Joseph Cangelosi

Deceased: **Joseph Cangelosi**, uncle of Pete Cangelosi. May he find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may his family find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

This weekend, we rejoice and celebrate World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. We pray for these people and ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service. Join in the celebration of Evening Prayer with Bishop Bootkoski at St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen, today, February 5 at 4:00 p.m. Those Religious marking significant anniversaries of profession will be recognized at this time. A light reception will follow the celebration. If the weather is questionable, please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1102 after 11:00 a.m. to find out if the event is cancelled.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

We salute all those who are in the Boy Scout Movement especially all those in leadership roles. We pledge our support and prayers for all of you. Thanks to the many who have given time and talent to this program in the numerous years, too many to count.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Saturday, February 11

Saturday, February 11 is World Day for the Sick. It is also the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. An appropriate day since so much healing takes place at Lourdes and so many sick visit this sacred spot. Please keep the sick in your prayers especially those in the parish.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 12, 2012 "Love One Another"

World Marriage Day, which is held each year on the second Sunday in February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. The commandment given to us by Jesus in John 15:12 is to love one another. Loving one another as husband and wife is a daily decision, simple but challenging. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both spouses can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other.

For helpful insights and suggestions on how to love one another more fully log on to the Catholic Bishops (USCCB) marriage resource website: www.foryourmarriage.org. Be prepared to find videos along with interesting articles for couples in every stage of marriage including the challenges facing couples today: unemployment, parenting, balancing work and family, caregiving, etc.

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VITALITY COFFEE

Sunday, February 12 after the 10:30 am Mass.

Members of the Pastoral Council will speak after all Masses to invite you to the Vitality Coffee next weekend. They will be soliciting new members to replace those who term of office will end this year. Stop by after the 10:30 a.m. Mass next weekend to enjoy refreshments, conversation and inquiries. If you are interested and cannot make it, contact any one of the members. Their emails are listed on page 7 of this bulletin.

Offices closed on Monday, February 20 – President's weekend.

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 12, 2011

Present — Fr. Bill, Joann Gardner, Steve Gemma, Bill Harrison, Donna Lance, Roger Malone, Mike Mastro, Laura Sharp, Brandon Staten
Absent: Pam Casserly

Reflection

The Pastoral Council goal for 2011-2012 is "to support and engage our community to prayerfully prepare for and embrace the transition of parish leadership." The Council continues to discuss ways to achieve this objective. Father Bill received the Parish/Town Hall Meeting minutes summarizing the highlights of the small group discussions. The Pastoral Council will reflect on these minutes at a future meeting. All are encouraged to read the "Pondering Pauses" articles in the weekly bulletin, written by Father Bill, as he leads us through this transition journey.

Committee Meetings

- The Finance Committee was re-scheduled to attend the February Pastoral Council Meeting along with Fundraising.
- Deacon Dennis King, representing Formation, will attend the January Pastoral Council Meeting.

Old and Continuing Items of Business

- 5 Year Plan-/Covenant - Bill continues to update, revise, re-format, and edit the 5 Year Plan into a workable document.
- **Communications – Town Meetings/Vitality Coffee** – A tentative date has been set for the Spring Parish Town Hall Meeting of May 21, 2012. Father Bill will contact Pat Kelly of Kelly Counseling Associates to check on her availability. The Pastoral Council supports the need to have Ms. Kelly address the emotional needs of the parish as we prepare for the transition of parish leadership.
- **The New Pastoral Council Mem-**

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bership Committee confirms that there will be three future member openings this spring. A Pastoral Council Vitality Coffee is planned for February at which time interested parishioners will be encouraged to consider learning more about this important ministry.

- **Ad Hoc Website** – Brandon, Bill, and Pam will have an update at our next meeting.

New Items of Business

- **The Parish Profile Committee** whose members include, Father Bill, Pam Casserly, Mike Mastro, Roger Malone, and Donna Lance will be meeting Thursday, January 12th to prepare a response to the Bishop's request for a complete Parish Profile of Saint John Neumann. Correspondence to the Bishop is to be completed by March 1. The next Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting is March 24th. Lyle Garcia will be attending as a representative of the Round Valley Deanery.
- **The Leadership Committee**, whose members include Father Bill, Joann Gardner, and Laura Sharp will be reviewing and updating the Pastoral Council's components of the 5-year plan.
- **Steve Gemma** distributed the 2011-2012 Pastoral Council Prayer Calendar.

Pastor's Items of Business

- Father Bill distributed Parish Pastoral Council Resources from the Diocese of Metuchen and an article entitled "Bow Down for the Blessing" from Ministry & Liturgy Magazine.
- Father Bill happily announced that Father Simo will be arriving on December 22 and staying until Jan 12 thanks to the generosity of a parishioner who shared their "flyer miles" to make this a reality.

Next Meeting: Monday January 16, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Donna Lance

DISCOVER ST. JOHN'S

Discover St John's will take place within the next month. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of St John's Parish contact France at the office 832-2513 or on her cell evenings 908-307-7879. We have several families on the list and you can join them to meet for informal discussion about the parish over pizza.

THANKS TO OUR OFFICE ANGELS

Sincere thanks to our Office Angels who fill in on evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to answer the phone, take care of Mass cards, help with office work and answer the office door. We appreciate your assistance. We could use more assistance. You will see each week on page 12 on the Volunteer Schedule where NEEDED is listed.

Thanks to **Pat Anderson** who fills in at the front desk during the day once a week. She sure is a great help

Thanks to our unsung heroes. The staff and parishioners say thanks.

LITTLE BROOK NURSING HOME

Sunday, February 12, 2:00 p.m., Little Brook N.H.

Anne McLean at Little Brook would like to have a thank you party for the St. John's volunteers on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 in the afternoon. Coffee, cookies etc.. Spouses and families are invited. If you would like to attend, please call the Office Center and let us know.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP UPDATE

We are almost out of available spots for camp next summer! If you would like to join us in Providence, RI from June 24-29, **please contact Mary Connolly as soon as possible at 930-0784 or mandmconnolly@gmail.com**. The final cost is \$330 and a \$75 deposit is due now.

Community News

IMMACULATA CELEBRATES ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday February 26. 1:00 p.m.

On Sunday February 26, Monsignor Seamus Brennan will celebrate a memorial Mass at 1:00 p.m. at Immaculata High School. The Mass will remember deceased alumni and faculty, and will be followed by an informal reception.

To ensure the list of deceased graduates and faculty is as complete as possible; the school's Alumni Office is asking local residents to submit information they might have on Immaculata teachers or alumni who have died.

In addition, in preparation for the school's 50th anniversary celebration in 2012, all alumni are asked to send their current mailing and email addresses to the school via email or phone number below.

To assure there is ample seating at the Mass and plenty of refreshments, email tkuboski@immaculatahighschool.org or call 908-722-0200 ext. 128.

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ST. JOSEPH'S WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

March 2-3, High Bridge

Women of your parish are invited to St. Joseph's Women's Cornerstone Retreat, 50 Main Street, High Bridge, on March 2-3, 2012. **(Note date change)** This is a 26-hour retreat from our daily routines, a time to reflect and grow spiritually amongst other Christian women. Enjoy an opportunity to strengthen your faith and experience nurturing fellowship of peace, prayer, and partnership. **Please contact either Carol Loozen 638-6740 or Tracy Monaco 638-8279 for more information.**

2012-2013 TEWKSBURY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2012-2013 Kindergarten registration will take place the week of February 6-10, 2012. Parents/Guardians should register in the school office between 9:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 8, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2012. Please obtain and complete the registration forms prior to coming to the office to register. Forms are available in the Tewksbury Elementary School office and on the Tewksbury Township Schools website at www.tewksburyschools.org under DISTRICT FORMS, then KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FORM.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOMEOWNER SELECTION

Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity will be selecting partner families for eight single-family homes to be built in Kingwood Township in 2012-13. The applicants must be in the low-income range, be able to repay the no-interest mortgage provided by Habitat, be willing to contribute their own sweat equity and have a need for housing. All applicants must attend one orientation session (February 5 or 11) as the first step in the selection process. **To receive information about the selection process, applicants should call the Habitat office a 908-704-0016 or log on to www.rvhabitat.org.**

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Begins Monday, February 6

A Bereavement Support Program will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale, beginning Monday, February 6, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and will meet for eight consecutive Mondays. Sessions are confidential and are held in the lower level of the rectory. Weekly attendance is encouraged but not mandatory. If you have lost a loved one to death and are in the stages of grief, you may wish to consider being a part of this program. **For information, please call Christopher Seitz at 735-2216 or Joan Syron at 735-4162 or the parish office at 735-7319.**

MEALS ON WHEELS

Would you like to do lunch? With Meals on Wheels, that is. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon has provided 'comfort food' to our recipients since 1973; now we'd like you to join us. If you are over 60, homebound and/or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday with weekend coverage if needed. Service can be short term until recovery or longer depending on individual needs. **If you or someone you know would benefit from the security and support of home-delivered meals, call 908-284-0735.**

MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so that we can remove them from the list. Please remember the following in your prayers:

2nd Lt. Baumann Katherine, Army Engineer
Petty Officer Behr, Fred, U.S. Navy
2nd LT Behrmann, John, USMC
Lt. Col. Blewitt, Joseph, U.S. Air Force
Capt. Bohanan, Luke P., U.S. Army
Sgt. Brisson, Mark D., USMC
HM Bullis, Christopher, US Navy
LCpl Bunce, Evan, USMC
IT2 Combel, Tracey, U.S. Navy
Lance Corp., Coe, Kevin, USMC
CPL Connaughton, Michael, USMC
AMN Connaughton, Christopher, U.S. Air Force
AMN Connaughton, Monica, U.S. Air Force
RP2 Ditzel, Joseph, U.S. Navy
Capt. Gutowski, Charles M., U.S. Army
2Lt. Gutowski, Jared, E., USMC
CW5, Ferguson, Michael, U.S. Army
Lt. Friedman, Lee E., U.S. Navy
Hafke, Michael, National Guard
CMDR Hopkins, John A., U.S. Navy
CPL Howard, Jeffrey, U.S. Army
GM3 Hurler, Shane
SSgt. Jirouschek, Thomas, U.S. Air Force
PFC Jones, Joshua, USMC
MC2 Juday, Gregory, U.S. Navy
Lt. JG Kellogg, Kenyon, U.S. Navy Pilot
CPL. Krause, James E., USMC
SFC Lamberton, Brian, U.S. Army
Capt. Larsen, Christopher M. U.S. Army
Chaplain (LT) Logan, Eddy, U.S. Navy
SGT Ludwig, Konrad, U.S. Army
Lt. Mallue, Edward Paul, Jr. U.S. Army
Lt. Col. McVicker, Andrew, U.S. Air Force
2Lt. McLaughlin, Brian, U.S. Army
HN Meyer, Pamela A, U.S. Navy
Novello, Chris, U.S. Army, Green Beret
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ATI Mastro II, Michael R., U.S. Navy
Capt. Omstead, David, USA
Capt. Omstead, Barbara, USA
SPC Osburn, Jared, U.S. Army
Maj. Pidgeon, Paul, U.S. Army
1st Lt. Rautenberg, Erik, Army National Guard
2nd Lt. Royal, Benjamin, USMC
Scardino, David, U.S. Navy
2nd Lt. Sekula, Daniel R. Army National Guard
Commander Simila, Edward A. U.S. Navy
Lt. Slack, Terry, USMC
Staff Sgt. Sowa, Paul, USMC
Sgt. Vasquez, Armando, U.S. Army
SSGT Vigilante, William, U.S. Air Force
Captain Wade, Dominic, U.S. Army
Capt., Warkentin, William J., USMC
Airman Basic Wiedmann, Alex J., US Air Force

COMING EVENTS

February 5

Pastoral Council Speakers at all
Masses

February 10

Valentine Dinner

****Get your tickets now****

February 12, 11:30 a.m.

Pastoral Council Vitality Coffee

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

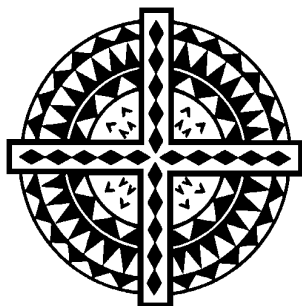
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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Christian Formation (Catechesis)

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL



I think that we are doing exceptionally well with the challenges of the new translation of the Roman Missal from the Latin. Remember Latin is the language that everything has been retranslated from.

We are asked to be true to the Latin text – the text that was first given to us after the Second Vatican

Council. Someone offered that the response to “The Lord be with you” should be “and also with your spirit.” Combine the two. But as I pointed out what is the Latin? - “*Dominus vobiscum*” and the answer is “*Et cum spiritu tuo.*” It is not “*Et etiam cum spiritu tuo.*” And so the translation being true to the Latin is “And (*et*) with (*cum*) your (*tuo*) spirit (*spiritu*).

Once more the translation’s intention is to get back to the authentic meaning of the Latin. We are the Roman Catholic Church and Latin is our official language. Makes perfect sense doesn’t it? It doesn’t matter how correct it sounds to the ear or to the phrases that roll off the tongue. It is not meant to be good English or well sounding language. It is meant to be authentic.

I mentioned the other week that the sentences in Latin are usually very long with many clauses. You can always tell when someone has been schooled in Latin. Their sentences are very long. Take a look at the “Question of the Week” elsewhere in the bulletin. Note the sentence that begins with “Though the perfect balancing . . . this time in private?” In my text it takes up six lines. I am not sure how many lines it will take in the bulletin. One sentence is six lines long. It is hard to hold the subject in mind by the time you finish the sentence. And this is not even a translation from Latin.

Once again our response to the invitation to communion is a challenge – “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” The quote is taken from Matthew 8:8 that the centurion says to Jesus when he asks him to cure his servant. It is quite different from Luke 7:6 (which is about the same incident) and also varies from translation to translation but this is the translation from the Latin in the Roman Missal. Of course it is not “servant “that is being healed but the individual and so “soul” is used. Check what the Latin is and you will see why the words were chosen. This is one of the reasons for the corrected translation – so that we can see the relationship with the scriptures. There are many of these reasons for the translations even if we cannot immediately recognize the scripture passage.

I am finding that with my need to read distinctly and not being accustomed to the wording I have to be more deliberate and exact. I find myself reading louder and more slowly. This may change as I get used to the text but for now it is an asset. I am about to take on the third Eucharist prayer. I now feel somewhat comfortable with the second. One step at a time.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do This in Memory of Me”

Focus: Ministry and Prayer

“Jesus reaches out to people in healing and inward to God in prayer.”

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Christian Formation (Catechesis)

Scripture: Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

"Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come." Mark 1: 29-39

Reflection: What is your experience of prayer? Of Meditation? Do you find that you need quiet time? When do you get it? How do you balance busy time with the need for quiet time? How and when do you get it especially with children? What is the most healing that you need in your life?

Song: "Healer of Our Every Ill" #960

Story: Demons

Forty-five years ago, he was 19 years old and walking a patrol in the jungles of Vietnam. The nightmares continue to this day: buddies dying suddenly and instantly at his side, innocent children burned and mutilated, the stinging napalm burning his eyes and nostrils. He has tried everything - drugs, alcohol, therapy - but he can't escape the memories and the images etched in his mind. *The demons of war . . .*

She is in her mid-forties. She spends her days stocking shelves and ringing up sales. She makes a few cents more than minimum wage. And each night she returns to her small, empty apartment. Just a year ago she was happily married - or so she thought. But her life and marriage came crashing down in betrayal and acrimony. Now she is alone and terrified at the prospect of meeting anyone and engaging in any kind of relationship. Her greatest fear is being hurt again. *The demons of cynicism and brokenness . . .*

He flunked out - big time. He did not know how to handle the new responsibilities of being on his own; he couldn't manage the demands of his studies and work schedule. He had worked hard to get into this first-tier university - but the immensity of the school swallowed him up. He's home now, working dead-end part-time jobs that he thought he had left behind forever when he graduated from high school. His mom and dad are understanding and supportive - but he knows they are disappointed and realizes the major outlay of tuition that was lost in his failed freshman year. He has no idea what to do next. *The demons of failure . . .*

Demons exist in all our lives. Traumatic experiences, emotional disasters and shattered dreams trap us, enslave us, cripple us; these "demons" so drain us of hope that we surrender to them rather than confront them. In today's Gospel, Jesus drives out the demons that have destroyed the lives of those possessed. Healing was a central part of Jesus' ministry - Jesus sought to restore the sick, the suffering, the desperate, and the lost to communion with God and to community with family and friends. Jesus' healings are central to his revealing the reign of God: God's dream that no one should go hungry, no one be imprisoned or enslaved by the tragedies of life, no one is left to stumble and fall alone in the darkness. Christ calls us to the work of driving out "demons" that divide our families, sever friendships, and rend our spirits in hopelessness and despair by the power of our own compassion, forgiveness and understanding.

Connections, February 2012

Religious Education Program

"For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."

Jesus teaches us that when we serve our brothers and sisters in need, we also serve Him. We currently have two opportunities to serve Jesus: one is the "Souper Bowl of Caring" and the second is "Operation Rice Bowl" which will run during Lent. Please be as generous as can. "Operation Rice Bowl" boxes will be distributed in Religious Education classes and they will also be available in the Narthex during Lent.

SATURDAY ADULT CATECHESIS OPEN TO ALL

All adults of the parish are invited to share in the Saturday Morning Catechesis gathering that meets once a month. You are cordially invited to drop in any month to join our adult faith sharing on the Sunday scripture readings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following Saturdays: February 25, March 24, April 21, and May 19.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WEEKEND



February 4 & 5 (This Weekend)

Teens will be collecting cans of soup and donations after each Mass on February 4 and 5 and then delivering our donations as well as working at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick on February 18 and March 4. **Teens wishing to participate in one of the dinner serve dates at Elijah's Promise should email Jo Ann Jarvis at jjarvis@ccsjn.org or call 832-2162.**

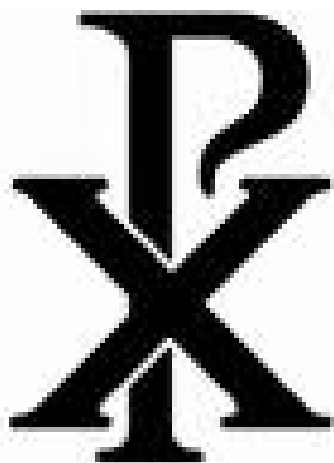
A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this time to meet and pray as a community in preparation for new parish leadership. We are so grateful for the wisdom of your loving Spirit expressed through each of us and as a community. This is our home, our beautiful spiritual family, one in body with you that you have blessed beyond measure.

The immense love, vision, and leadership that we have experienced are the most special of blessings that we have and continue to treasure. Now as we prepare for transition of leadership, we experience mixed feelings of denial and deep sadness, and at the same time, feelings of great happiness for our pastor as he prepares to respond to the Spirit's call for a new beginning.

We ask you Lord to help us move through these feelings by finding ways to support each other, our pastor and the next spiritual leader. We trust in your constant care as we understand our needs for preparation and for future leadership. In communion with your Holy Spirit we continue to open our hearts to your direction and unconditional love. With the deepest of gratitude we release these words into your heart, knowing our prayer is already answered.

(Laura Sharp)



Adult Formation

PONDERING PAUSES

“To prayerfully prepare for and embrace the transition of parish leadership”

We are not a people who prolong celebrating. We want to get it over with and move on. We are also not a people who like too much preparation. We also want it over and done with. That is why we seldom can have good sauce that takes all day to simmer on the back burner and another day to age. When you have tasted this kind of tomato sauce you can never be content with that in a bottle even if it has a fancy Italian name and claims it is like Nona's.

Are we therefore taking too much time “to prayerfully prepare for and embrace the transition of parish leadership?” People are asking when the new pastor's name will be announced. My response is that they haven't even given a second thought that I will be retiring. I called over two weeks ago for an appointment with the bishop. I haven't heard from him yet. I called to remind his secretary and she said she gave him my message and she would remind him again. I am on the Personnel Board and saw my name on the list last May for turning 75. There was one priest ahead of me but he died just 23 days after he turned 75.

I feel that the Personnel Director or the Bishop should have been in touch with me before this. Since there apparently doesn't seem to be a policy in this direction I thought I should begin the process. I spoke to the Personnel Director on another matter and received some different direction than I thought was the procedure so I thought why not speak to the Bishop. It really is not the policy to prepare too far in advance. Maybe around April after Easter, thoughts will turn to changes and transfers. A lot might happen before then so why waste too many thoughts. I could die before then and so they would have to act fast. The church otherwise moves slow. So let's continue to pray, for the parish, for whomever the new pastor will be and for me that I live long enough to enjoy retirement. Some have also asked if I would remain in the parish. That is not the best idea for transition. A new pastor has to come into a parish unencumbered by the old, retiring pastor. He will have enough burden to follow 30 years of what has been done and keep hearing about it. A man needs a fresh perspective with new ideas and open minds.

The best thing that we can do for the moment is to pray, dream and keep an open mind. I hope that I have not been wrong in preparing you for this transition. It will come in due time. I will keep you abreast of the process. Remember we are in God's hands and he loves us still and all even though he knows us through and through.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“What a contrast between Jesus' peaceful balance and Job's bleak experience of life as an endless cycle of frenetic activity and troubled rest. But honestly, isn't Job's story too often ours? Though the perfect balancing of contemplation and action, prayer and pastoral ministry was realized only in Jesus, isn't Mark challenging all of us disciples with that “Jesus ideal,” bidding us consider today the elements of Jesus' daily life and their mutual relationship: from synagogue worship to the compassionate healing of Simon's mother-in-law and other, then back again to prayer, this time in private? With Lent drawing nearer, what does the balance look like in my life? How may I have to change if Lent – and discipleship – is to bear fruit in me and in my service to others?”

Social Ministry

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEMBERS SOUGHT

Prior to Fr. Bill's retirement all of our community's ministries will be conducting recruitment drives. Social Ministry, as you know is part of our mission and in that vein has been very successful only because of our whole community pulling together. It is this often meager attempt at truly living the Gospel that pulls us together to accomplish wonderful things for the needy.

Social Ministry only gathers quarterly on a formal basis, but there are many activities that it promotes and oversees throughout the year. It is this formal group that would like to enlarge its membership, hoping to attract some new blood with bold ideas. We are looking for creativity and a strong desire to assist those in need with an open mind. No! A resume is not required. If in the past you have been one of the foot soldiers that has helped anchor a project by delivering groceries or shopping for food during a holiday food drive and thought to yourself that being a part of the planning may be your forte, then come and join us. Perhaps, you've wondered how parameters were established for the lists on a Giving Tree, or you might have a bright new idea to share, then come and join us. Please!

Please listen for an announcement at the conclusion of Mass next Sunday that will invite you to meet in the Narthex to discuss your hopes and dreams for Social Ministry and how you can make them real.

Anne Germino and Greg Wilson,
Co-chairs, Social Ministry

Sacrament Preparation

CPI PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., Church Center

All CPI students (6th graders) are required to attend a Parent/Candidate Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Center. This is an introductory and welcoming meeting as our sixth graders begin to prepare for Confirmation. At least one parent should accompany their child.

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Saturday, February 11, 3:30 p.m., Church Center

The next First Eucharist class meets on Saturday, **February 11**, from 3:30—5:00 p.m. in the Church Center.

FOURTH GRADE INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Fourth grade students received Reconciliation at a communal celebration in the 2nd grade. Now that they have reached the 4th grade, we feel they should renew their knowledge for private individual celebration of this sacrament at a more mature level. Please reserve the following dates:

February 15 and 29 for evening instruction in the Church Center at 7:00p.m..

March 7 for a 4:30 afternoon rehearsal with Fr. Bill and **March 14** at 7:30 for reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additional information will coming in the mail.

Deacon Dennis

REMINDERS

Let Us Know – In order to minister to our community at large, we need your assistance in letting us know who may be in need of help. Often those who are in need are either too entwined in their situation to contact us directly or to proud to ask for help. You can be the “angel of mercy” who helps by simply making us aware of an individual or family in need. Call Earl or Rita at the Office Center, send us an email or use the “Samaritan Tip” form on the parish website – <http://www.ccsjn.org/> Emergency Shelter; Personal Crisis, Suicide Hotline; Abuse Reports; Support Groups; Animal Aid; Senior Assurance Calls; Locate a Food Pantry and more. Questions? See website <http://www.helplinehc.org/>

CALLERS WISHING TO REACH HELPLINE FOR ANY OF ITS SERVICES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO REACH THE AGENCY BY DIALING 211. THEY NEED TO CALL 800-272-4360, 782-4357 OR 735-4357.

Haves ‘n Needs

What to do with those unwanted but useful items?

Try putting them on our parish website in the “Haves ‘n Needs” section. Email us a short description of the time and we’ll post it for a month or so and see if someone out there is looking for your treasure.

Check out what is there once a month!

New Eyes for the Needy

Donate your old eyeglasses in the Narthex.

St. Jude’s Ranch

Donate your Campbell Soup labels in the Narthex. See parish website for list of items.

Sponsor Child

Please remember Angel in your prayers, and drop your donation in the Jar at the Social Ministry Station. Don’t forget to write!

CONNEXIONS

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

Catholic Inquiry is the first phase of the journey to initiation for adults. It is a time for informally sharing our stories and helping one another discern where God is leading. It's a time to get acquainted with Catholics and our Church. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, you are invited to journey with members of St. John's Initiation Team on the rewarding and enriching path to becoming a Catholic Christian. *The details and duration of this faith journey vary according to each individual's starting point.*

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

If you or someone that you know is returning to the Church after a long absence, please call the office at 832-2513. Let us welcome you/them back and provide a copy of a "Handbook for Today's Catholic" to help you grow in your faith.

YOUR PRAYERS

Please support all parish ministries as a spiritual partner by remembering us each day in your prayers using your own prayers or the Bible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with all of us who are actively involved in our community ministries.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **22 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,575.00** with **\$128.75** coming to St. John's. Stop after Mass on the weekends or come to the Office Center during the week. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and all who use them to shop.

Diocesan News

2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Faith, With Hope



Your contribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to sustain the ministry of the **Office of the Diaconate** which extends its efforts in the recruitment, selection and training of men who, through prayer and discernment, have recognized their calling to the permanent diaconate. Please consider making a gift today. Expect a letter in the mail if you have not given. The diocese will send it with Fr. Bill's name attached.

To date, our parish has received \$31,765.00 in pledges/gifts to the 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal from 126 families toward our goal of \$37,400.00. 84.9% to goal. Thank you!

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BLESSED JOHN PAUL II

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Poland

Bishops Bootkoski will lead a pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of the Blessed John Paul II" to Poland from September 10-18, 2012. The itinerary will include visits to some of the more significant sites associated with the early life and ministry of Blessed John Paul II: Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa and Wadowice, his birthplace. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3,200 (double occupancy) and registration will be limited. **For information and a brochure, please contact Susan Kovach at 732-562-2439 or by email at skovach@diometuchen.org.**

DIOCESAN JOB OPENING

Administrative Assistant (Bi-Lingual)

The Diocese of Metuchen serves a Roman Catholic community of more than 600,000 people throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Presently, our Department of Pastoral Life seeks a bi-lingual (English/Spanish) **Administrative Assistant** to:

Provide administrative, secretarial and general office support; Translate materials and documents; Take and transcribe minutes of meetings; Schedule appointments and make arrangements for meetings, conferences and travel; Prepare correspondence from dictation and drafting responses to inquiries; Coordinate office mailings and distribute materials to departmental committees, boards, etc.; Assist with on-going programs and projects as needed.

The ideal candidate will be a practicing Roman Catholic with a working knowledge of Catholic teaching and tradition; be bi-lingual (written and verbal) in English/Spanish; demonstrate a strong attention to detail; possess solid PC skills, including Outlook, Word and Publisher; have excellent interpersonal skills and be able to work well independently; be able to work occasional weekend and/or evening schedule.

Compensation: Competitive salary and full benefits package

Hours: 35 hrs per week Mon – Fri

Location: Piscataway, NJ

Environment: Professional Office, non-smoking

Interested candidates should forward their resume to HR@diometuchen.org

** Please note that due to the anticipated high volume of responses, only those candidates who we are interested in interviewing will be contacted. No phone calls please.

Diocesan News

BIBLE STUDY FOR MATURING ADULT CATHOLICS (55+)

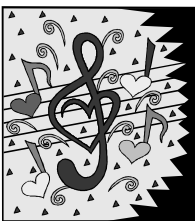
The Last Five Chapters of the Acts of the Apostles

The Family Life Office is pleased to announce that another eight week Bible Study Series for Maturing Adults (55+) will begin **Wednesday, February 29** through **Wednesday, May 16, 2012** from **10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**. This highly successful Bible Study program will begin this series of classes by studying the last five chapters of the Acts of the Apostles over the course of a semester. There are a total of eight sessions including three Senior Study Days and a Spiritual Retreat Day. A nominal fee of \$5.00 per session is requested. Winifred Klimek, M.A. will facilitate the series. Winifred received her Master's Degree in Theology from Georgian Court University following her "retirement" as a statistician from a busy insurance company. Winnie is a parishioner of St. Lawrence Church in Laurence Harbor, NJ. Sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen. **To register call (732) 562-1990 x 1624 or print out registration form – <http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/family-life/> scroll down to Enrichment section.**

Fundraising

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE—TICKETS AVAILABLE

Friday, February 10, 2012, 7:00—10:30 p.m., Church Center



There are still plenty of tickets left for this fabulous event to benefit our youth and their Catholic Heart Workcamp trip in June. The night includes a family-style Italian dinner-dessert table; live music & dancing, and a silent auction! **Please join us for this wonderful evening — we need your presence to help make this event successful.** Bring a group of friends or allow us to create a table for you. **Contact Jim Murray at jmurray@eclipse.net**

Cost is \$25 per person; tables for eight and ten are available at discounted prices: \$175.00 for eight; \$225.00 for ten.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

If you are unable to attend but would like to help we will be setting up on Wednesday, February 8 and Thursday, February 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. Stop by at any point to lend a hand. We will also be cleaning up on Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in donating to the program or sponsoring a teen, that is also most welcome. **For any questions or to volunteer, please contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 930-0784.**

AUCTION NEWS

The actors have the Oscars, the politicians have their debates and the parishioners at St. John's havethe AUCTION!!

We are looking for a chair or co-chairs to coordinate our MAJOR FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!!! Please take a moment and think about answering the call, seriously, because we may call YOU...

If you would like to chair the Auction please call Sharon at the office (832-2513). If you need more information, please call Marybeth Harrison (537-9601).

STEWARDSHIP

Time & Talent Opportunities

As Stewards, we share out time, talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the relationship we hold with Jesus in God.

We are a Stewardship Parish sharing time, talent and treasure as a way of life.

On-going Stewardship Opportunities:

Worship/Liturgy

- Greeter/Hospitality
- Lector
- Altar Preparation
- Minister of the Eucharist
- Music Ministry
- Children's Liturgy of the Word

Formation:

- Religious Ed Advisory Board
- Catechist

Pastoral/Organizational:

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Property Management Committee

Connxions:

- Team Member
- Connxions Companion
- RCIA Team
- Baptism Preparation Team

Stewardship:

- Committee Member
- Fair Trade
- Shop Rite & A&P Card Sales

Other ways I can help:

Stewardship

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 2/6	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 2/7	A. Sawczuk
Wednesday, 2/8	S. Griffin
Thursday, 2/8	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

February 4 & 5

5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

February 11 & 12

5:30 p.m.	G. Best
8:00 a.m.	J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m.	R. DeStefano

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 2/5	L. Livoti
Week of 2/12	L. Feller

Church Center Cleaning

February 10	Team D
February 17	Team E



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

We are a Stewardship Parish sharing Time, Talent and Treasure as a way of life.

284 families; 77 Time & Talent Responses, 41 Treasure Responses; 10 Youth Responses

FEBRUARY 5, 2012 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God.

REPLACE THAT PLASTIC

The Stewardship Committee is continuing to sell canvas bags to replace plastic for groceries, Christmas shopping and general household use. The bags are sturdy canvas and made by a small family owned company employing Fair Trade practices. They are sturdy enough to carry gifts or food. You can even leave them as a great thank you gift for the host. They are available in the Narthex.

Stewardship - Treasure

SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

In March 2009, we began sending profits from cash card sales on the third weekend of each month to St. Mary's parish in Coeburn, Virginia. If you don't use these cash cards but want to contribute to St. Mary's you may leave a donation in the basket provided in the Narthex. **In January, we collected \$152.50.00 in profits which will be sent to St. Mary's in Coeburn.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For January 30, 2011

60 Weekly Donors	\$1,882.00
27 Monthly Donors.....	\$3,855.00
Loose Money	<u>\$93.00</u>
Total	\$5,830.00
20 Direct Deposit	\$971.00
Weekly Average for 1/11...	\$4,916.00

For January 29, 2012

80 Weekly Donors	\$2,413.00
24 Monthly Donors.....	\$2,375.00
Loose Money	<u>\$67.00</u>
Total	\$4,855.00
19 Direct Deposit	\$908.75
Weekly Average for 1/12...	\$4,741.00

Weekly Averages

December	\$5,949.00
November	\$5,727.19
October	\$4,905.00
September	\$5,915.00
August.....	\$4,487.00
July.....	\$5,015.00
June	\$5,167.00
May	\$5,241.00
April.....	\$5,343.00
March	\$5,963.00
February.....	\$5,133.00
Weekly Need.....	\$8,182.00